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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,215,091
AB United States Patent No. 4,991,604
AC United States Patent No. 4,958,639
AD United States Patent No. 4,805,995
AE United States Patent No. 4,617,931
AL European Application 0 391 378

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AD, AE and AL were identified and discussed at pages 1-3 of the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

References AB, and AC were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

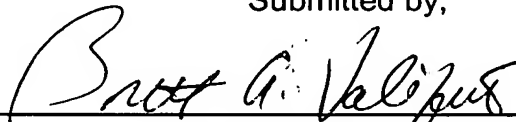
Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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